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Words of Mother Wisdom to the Ministry

Hearken, O beloved, give ear and attention; listen once more, to the word and voice of your Holy Mother. Truly I am your Mother, the Mother of the righteous, Mother of the household of Israel; therefore hearken, bow down, O ye children of Zion, and hear my word.

This and thus, say I unto you, O beloved; times, times, time, time and times again, have I sounded forth my word unto you, yet be not weary; for the time draweth near when my word shall cease. I shall speak, and my word shall be finished, I shall write and the end shall come. For Zion waxeth fat because of her riches; and the inhabitants are weary of the bountiful stores which are brought forth unto them.

Listen, O Beloved, yet be not sorrowful because of my word unto you; for lo! I have called you and ye hearkened unto my voice, I have I have given you my word & ye have obeyed it.

Many treasures have been mine unto you, and ye have honored my name, and treasured my holy riches, where Moth could not corrupt, nor theives break thro', and steal. For this your reward shall be glorious, and your treasure in heaven, is secured.

I have also sounded, sounded, sounded and resounded my word in the ears of Zions inhabitants; yet there be some in her dwellings, who awake not at my call.

Their day is passed by, and night cometh upon them.

I have sent forth upon earth, your beloved Mother Ann, who, in

tribulation and sufferings has waded, to do the will of her holy Father in heaven. Yet there are those, who believe not her word, who believe not her work, and to its
obey her will is vexation to their spirit.

O dearly beloved of mine, whose pathes are paved with tribulation, whose sorrows are heavy and great
morn not; but be ye comforted for Gods work shall be finished, he will have a sure and tried people. his sacred places shall not be defiled by evil workers; for my word is finished and paseth forth unto you.

Now hearken, beloved, thus and thus saith Wisdom: Whoever shall attempt to go forth into my sacred

places, where my holy and justified saints meet to offer pure offerings to their Holy Father in Heaven, and to me their blessed Mother, having unclean hands, or impure hearts, who have in any way, shape, or manner, disregarded, or disobeyed the Holy Laws, or orders of Mountzion; who have aught against their brother, or Sister, or have yielded to a passionate spirit, and have not retraced their steps, acknowledged their faults, righted their wrongs, and repented of the same: yea, whoever shall go forth to unite in sacred worship, with known sin covered, those who have come to years of understanding and know what sin is, and know

how to confess it; all such as do this, henceforth, from this time, I will set a mark upon them, which shall not be bloted out through time, nor in eternity; unless the soul humbly acknowledges the fault, in presence of all those whom it has caused to feel its weight and burden, by bringing sin into my holy sanctuary saith Wisdom.

No soul can ever do this, without shutting the blessings of God from the whole assembly with which they meet; for where sin is, God is not found.

Warnings, warnings, warnings, upon warnings, have been given, that every soul might know their

duty, and obey the word of their Heavenly parents; But some there are, who disregard and let pass by their ears as mere sounds, all those awful warnings.

But to such, I say take heed, lest ye be cut off; for God will not always strive with you, nor sound forth his word to sleepy stupid and dead souls; for they will be suffer'd to sleep, and sleep, untill their day and time is passed over, and then they shall awake in the agonizeing torments of Hell; and to their regret and sorrow, their day will then be passed, they have slept their time away, and cannot then recall it.

Thus, saith Wisdom, I send forth

my holy Angels, to guard my sacred temples, your holy places of worship, that theives may not enter in, to pilfer, and destroy; nor evil workers to polute them.

And shall I bear with sin, in those who profess to be my holy people, who come forth to worship me, and their Father in Heaven? Nay, nay, I forbid it.

So dare not presume to do this thing, O ye inhabitants of Zion, who know my way, for I surely will set a mark upon such as do this; and with the wicked shall they partake. And more than this, they shall cause the righteous to partake of the severe judgements of their God.

Now, O ye Holy Anointed of my choosing! this is my word unto you; in condesension to the will of your Almighty Father, and by his request, I have written this word; it is solemn truth, and will forever stand; let no caveller, or unbeliever dispute it; for it is now spoken, and is unalterable: The word of your Holy Father and Mother; God the Almighty Power, and Holy Mother Wisdom.

And now this is my word, and this is all, save a few words which, by the Lord God, I was requested to write, who has purposed to send me forth upon earth; and may it be agreeable to your feelings, and in your approbation, by your liberty,

and in your union that I come.

Thus saith the Lord Almighty, the great God of Heaven and earth. "I shall send forth my Holy Wisdom, to set a mark upon those who are my people & those who are not- for the days of my judgements are near at-hand, and this is my word unto her. Let no one be called my chosen, mark no one with my name, save those who stand justified before me; who have striped themselves from all sin, and in low humiliation have washed their garments white.

Mark none with my name, saith the Lord, who believe not in my power, my manifestations, and my holy work. Mark none, but those who do in humility, thank-

fulness, and Godly fear, reverence, and respect the wonderful work of my hands; who are cheerful cross bearers, true followers of Christ, and their blessed Mother Ann: who are honest, subject and truly obedient, willing to suffer tribulation and sufferings for the increase of the gospel.

All those of this class, set a mark of my name upon them; that when I send my destroying Angels through the land, then I shall know my chosen people, and with my protection, shield them from all harm.

But those that have not the mark of my name upon them, but are, on the contrary, marked

for the adversary; those will I,
with my seperating line of justis
cut off from my people, to share
with the wicked my fierce anger
and indignation, which is so
greatly kindled against them.

So take warning, all ye who
name the name of Christ, lest ye
be smitten.

Prepare, Prepare, I say, O do
prepare for the day of the Lord, and
in low humiliation seek his
mercy and favor; for those who
walk in the path of meekness shal
surely find protection.

And now O my Beloved!
Hear this, my word, which is

to your people of my Zion, receive it from me, your Holy Mother, and make it known to them, that they may know, and prepare for my coming.

I shall meet with my chosen of the church at New Lebanon, the first time that they meet together in the holy sanctuary of the Lord, your sacred dwelling place; and in the course of this year, I shall visit every Society of Believers in the land.

Receive this word, from your holy Mother, with her love and blessing, and everlasting strength, which word

I shall roll and seal
with the same.

From Mother Wisdom
To the Ministry.